

NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 | WEEK 3 | 2023



**MT TORRENS
CHRISTIAN**
— SCHOOL —



Term 3 Calendar

FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST | Table Tennis SA
Competition, Woodville, Year 4-6 Students

FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER | Sporting School
Basketball Coaching

FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER | Sporting School
Basketball Coaching

MONDAY 11ST SEPTEMBER | Year 2-4 Disc Golf
At Wood House

FRIDAY 15th SEPTEMBER | Sporting School
Basketball Coaching

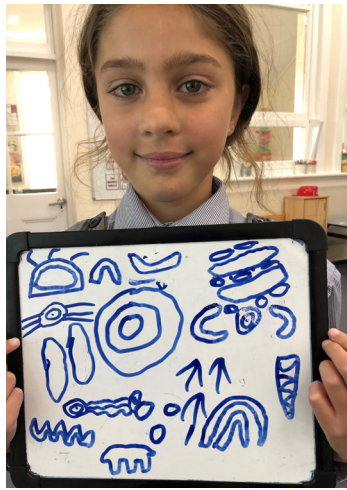
MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER | Year 2-4 Disc
Golf At Wood House

MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER | Year 2-4 Disc
Golf At Wood House

From the Principal

We are now well into Term 3 already and it has been great to see the students keen to engage in their learning. One exciting new development has been several more academic excursions in support of the science curriculum. A particular highlight has been the Science and Engineering Challenge where our students got first place and are now in the state championships. Being a small school we had to make up a significant proportion of our team from junior classes and as a result, our students were on average much younger than many of the other private schools represented. We are thankful to God for the ingenuity and creativity that our students are blessed with and the different ways in which they surprise us!

Thinking about these recent events has made me reflect again on the many aspects of Godly wisdom that are much broader than academic success. True wisdom starts with acknowledging God and Psalm 14v1 says "The fool has said in his heart "There is no God". It also has a moral dimension as James 3v17 points out "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality,



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and without hypocrisy."This true wisdom is not in ourselves but is found in Jesus "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" Colossians 2v3.

We have been fortunate to have had Igor Gideon from Germany helping out at the school over most of this year and he has had a significant input into our German classes. May God continue to bless him and His family as they continue to serve Him in Germany.

Mr Matthew Trinkle

Year F-2 Class - HASS

The F/1/2 class have been investigating our Indigenous heritage in Mt Torrens.

The children visited the Indigenous tree shelter in the adjoining paddock, where families from the past set up camp, hunted for food and cooked their meals.

The children have also been investigating Aboriginal symbols for communication. They have created stories about hunting along animal tracks and camping near billabongs. The children transferred the stories onto cardboard rolls and turned them into didgeridoos.

Goodbye to Nadine Gideon

We thoroughly enjoyed hosting Nadine in our class for the past few months. The students had a chance to brush up on their conversational German and to learn about different school styles in the world. Nadine's English improved dramatically in the time she was with us, and many students felt confident to communicate with her in German by the end of her time. Nadine really enjoyed our school life, especially our use of technology and the camp fire we had last term. We will miss you, Nadine!

Hannah Sripada, Sarah Middleton and the Year 2/3/4 Class

Table Tennis Competition

Students spent an enjoyable Friday down at the Woodville Tennis Club.

Competition was intense with the girls team walking away with second place medals.

Congratulations to all the students who participated. Your sportsmanship and keen participation was a true example and a blessing to all.

Cark Park Safety

Please be reminded that car park safety is of utmost importance to keep your children and the community safe.

The speed limit is 25km in a school zone. Please ensure that you are adhering to this limit

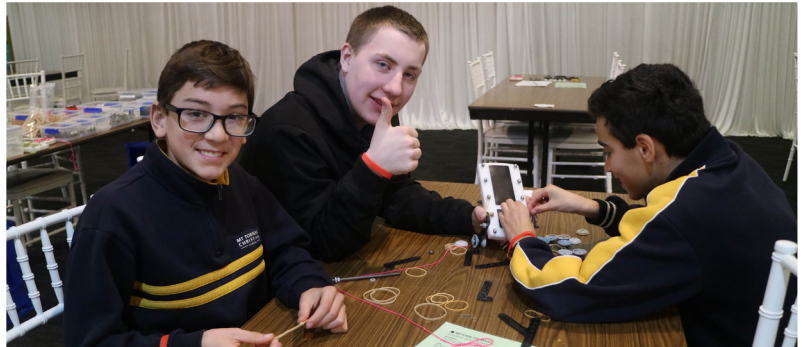
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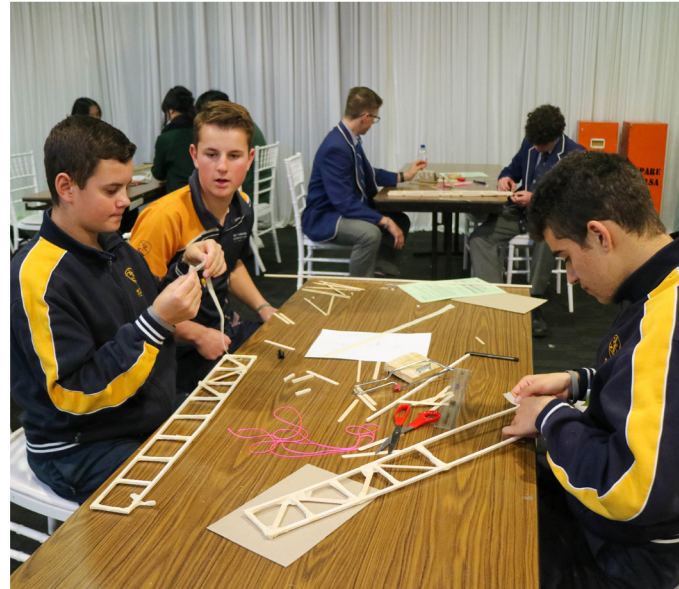
Uniform Labeling

Please be reminded to label your child/rens school uniforms. We are finding a number of uniforms left lying around the school that are unlabeled.



Science and Engineering Challenge







Science Alive Exursion

Our Year nine and ten students attended the Science Alive STEM Day Out for schools at the Adelaide showgrounds in week two. Students participated in science-based activities, learned about science careers and observed a range of intriguing phenomena (including ducks being made out of fairy floss).

Our ladies attempted a newspaper tower building challenge. The brief was for the tower to hold one kilogram, but theirs held their teacher! The gentlemen, on the other hand, spent most of the day at the Lockheed Martin stand trying out the flight simulator.



Science and Engineering Challenge

What a day of fun and engagement! The sun was shining warmly when we arrived at the Findon Centre, and gathering around the entrance were huge crowds of mature grade 10 students from seven schools around Adelaide, some looking very sophisticated and well equipped, wearing their smart ties and blazers. In comparison, our few grade 10s, bolstered by the 6s,7s, 8s, and 9s, looked rather small and innocuous. Our competition were students from Underdale, Holy Trinity, St Peter's Boys, Wilderness Girls, Paralowie and Thomas Moore.

The day was organised like clockwork. We soon all filed into the large hall where groups and tasks were duly allocated, and students went off to their various challenges. There were eight challenges in all, and each student group was to engage in two challenges during the course of the day; the only exception being the bridge building group who had all day to work on their challenge. Right from the start our students started to shine and draw attention due to their enthusiasm and quickness of thought and action. Frequent comments from observers and volunteers managing the events went like this: "They're doing very well", "They were the first ones to finish, and the first ones to test," "How old are your students?", "They are doing better than them (St Peter's boys- who looked as if they knew what they were doing)", "Country kids have an advantage over the city kids (this to explain why our students were doing so well in spite of their younger age)".

Well, as you know, our students were so successful at all the challenges that they ended up winning the day! The highlight to end the day was the final bridge testing where our team won by building the only bridge to carried 5kg, and this was followed quickly by the reading out of the final scores. Imagine our amazement and delight as they read out the scores from bottom to top. When they got to the final three we thought, we're in the top three. Then the final two and we knew we were in the top two. Then, a huge roar from the Mount Torrens Christian School students when the second place was read out (St Peter's Boys). I'm afraid this was not to congratulate those boys for coming second, but because we knew we had first place!





Lobethal Christian Fellowship Church Welcomes You

Lobethal Christian Fellowship Church holds services on Sundays at 10.30am and a devotional service on Tuesdays evenings at 7pm.

We extend a warm welcome to you to come along and join us. Church lunches are also held on the first Sunday of every month.

Lobethal Christian Fellowship is located at 17 Frick Street, Lobethal.



2023 Term Dates

- TERM 1 30 January - 14th April
- TERM 2 1st May - 30th June
- TERM 3 24th July - 29th September
- TERM 4 16th October - 8th December



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